

# Freedoms Thunder Motorcycle Safety Run

## POTENTIAL RISKS

- **Serious injury or death**

## CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

- Excessive speed. Inconsistent with posted speed limit or road conditions
- Risk Taking Behavior
- Hazardous road conditions ( Gravel, sand, oil, water, debris)
- Novice rider with little to no experience
- Inclement weather
- Inadequate use of Personal Protective Equipment/ or non approved
- Tire blow-out, brake failure, stuck throttle
- Low or no shoulder (few if any soft areas to land, mostly rocks)
- Following too close to other riders
- unfamiliar roads
- unexpected turns (sharp up to 90 deg, steep)
- Wildlife entering your path (loss of control, or running off the road)
- Uneven pavement (loss of control)
- Riding alone (injured with no immediate aid)
- Heat/sun exposure
- Loss of situational awareness
- Limited visibility to oncoming traffic
- Single lane bridges
- Over-braking
- On and off ramps (Highway)
- POVs running intersections, failure to yield, not stopping at stop signs
- Numerous steel grates (loss of traction/control)

## CONSIDERATIONS

- Leaders identify high risk/novice riders prior to the event
- Leader engagement, brief riders of inherent dangers prior to event
- Soldier possesses valid state license with "M" endorsement, motorcycle safety training and valid insurance
- Thorough inspection of all required Personal Protective Equipment to ensure compliance w/ AR 385-55 and USAFACS Supplement to AR 190-5 requirements for Motorcycle Operation
- Provide a refresher brief on accident avoidance techniques
- Thorough Motorcycle Safety Inspection utilizing the MSF T-CLOCK checklist
- Pre-ride brief on route, hazards, commonly used hand signals for group riders
- Maintain situational awareness at all times
- Ride at the posted speed limit, and consistent with current weather and road conditions
- Maintain a 2 second space cushion between other motorcycles
- Maintain staggered formation when riding in a group
- Heed all warning signs for curves, uneven pavement, motorcycles use caution
- Be aware of wild animals throughout the ride especially through the wildlife refuge
- Prior to stopping at light or intersections look for water, oil, sand gravel prior to braking and foot placement on ground
- Utilize turn signals at all times and ensure they are turned off after your turn